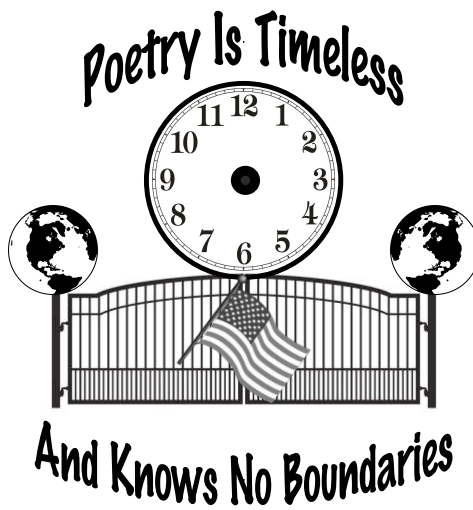


VOICES OF LINCOLN

2016



POETRY CONTEST

12th Annual

Presented by the Poets Club of Lincoln
Sponsored by the Lincoln Library and
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✧ RULES AND ENTRY FORM ✧

1. **Poets wanted!** 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will be selected in each contest category.
2. The five (5) contest categories include the following: **Things My Parents Taught Me**, **The Best Gift I Ever Received**, **It Happened One Night**, **If I Were Rich And Famous**, and **You Can Count On Me**.
3. Poets may submit a maximum of three (3) poems. Select three (3) of the contest categories and submit one poem from each.
4. Poems may be in rhyme, free verse, Haiku, or other accepted poetry forms and of any length, up to a maximum of 60 lines.
5. Poems should be typewritten and not centered (read left to right). Please use the Arial font 12-point. The title should be listed at the top of the poem and the category should be included at the top right corner of the poem. The name of the poet should not be included on the poem.
6. **Young Poets**, 18-years of age or under, are encouraged to submit poems and will compete in a special "Young Poets" category. Young poets should follow the same rules as noted above. However, they should include their age, grade, and school on the Entry Form.
7. All poems must be submitted on hard copy to the address listed on the Entry Form below and must be received **no later than Saturday, July 23, 2016**.
8. Early submissions are appreciated. A separate Entry Form should be attached to the hard copy of each poem submitted. Duplication of the form is permitted. Questions—contact Alan Lowe at slolowe@icloud.com
9. The top three winners in each category will be contacted by phone. Winners will be asked to submit their poems electronically, by email attachment. Winners will read their poems on **Sunday, October 9, 2016**, at the Voices of Lincoln event to be held from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., Lincoln Public Library at Twelve Bridges (Willow Room), 485 Twelve Bridges Drive, Lincoln, CA. Winners also will be presented with a commemorative chapbook of the winning poems.

2015 VOICES OF LINCOLN POETRY CONTEST ENTRY FORM

(One Per Poem – PLEASE PRINT)

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Young Poets Only--Age: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Contest Categories (Check appropriate category of poem submitted): ☐ Things My Parents Taught Me, ☐ The Best Gift I Ever Received, ☐ It Happened One Night, ☐ If I Were Rich And Famous, ☐ You Can Count On Me

Title of Poem Submitted: _____

Please insure that poems comply with all contest rules. No names should appear on the poems submitted. Include the title at the top of the poem. Use a paper clip to attach a copy of this Entry Form (cut along dotted line) to each poem submitted. Mail the poem to Voices of Lincoln Poetry Contest, c/o Alan Lowe, 1235 Picket Fence Lane, Lincoln, CA 95648. Poems must be received **no later than Saturday, July 23, 2016**. Early submissions are appreciated.